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1. EXCERPTS FROM SWEDISH PRESS DURING SUBJECT VISIT AND PERTINENT
TO REFTEL FOLLOW:

2. MODERATE SVENSKA DAGBLADET JUNE 6: "HENRY KISSINGER GAVE HIS
WHOLEHEARTED SUPPORT OF THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION'S TOUGHER ATTITUDE
TOWARDS THE SOVIET UNION WHEN HE ON MONDAY APPEARED AT A
PRESS CONFERENCE TOGETHER WITH DAVID ROCKEFELLER, CHAIRMAN OF THE
CHASE MANHATTAN BANK, AND PEHR GYLLENHAMMAR, HEAD OF VOLVO.
KISSINGER

IS CHAIRMAN OF THE HUGE BANK'S (THIRD IN SIZE IN THE US) ADVISORY
COMMITTEE, WHICH IS MEETING IN SWEDEN ON THE INVITATION OF GYLLEN-
HAMMAR, ONE OF THE 15 NON-AMERICAN MEMBERS OF THE 25-MEMBER COMMIT-
TEE.

'A RAPID ARMS BUILDUP HAS ENABLED THE SOVIET UNION TO INTER-
VENE MILITARILY AROUND THE WORLD", KISSINGER SAID. "OUR RELATIONS
WITH THE RUSSIANS MUST BE JUDGED ACROSS THE BOARD. WE SHOULD
NOT ALLOW THEM TO ARBITRARILY CHOOSE WHERE THEY PREFER TO
FOLLOW OR BREAK OFF DETENTE.'

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3. SVENSKA DAGBLADET CONTINUES: "KISSINGER CAME BACK TO
THE QUESTION OF THE SOVIET UNION'S 'SELECTIVE' POLICY OF
DETENTE.

'IF THE RUSSIANS PUSH THEIR GAME TOO FAR - BUT THE CRITICAL
POINT IS NOT YET REACHED - THE SALT NEGOTIATIONS (BETWEEN THE
US AND THE USSR ON THE LIMITATION OF STRATEGIC ARMAMENTS)

MAY ALSO BE IN DANGER'.

HOWEVER, HENRY KISSINGER SOUNDED OPTIMISTIC ABOUT THE POSSIBILITIES OF REACHING A NEW SALT AGREEMENT. HE ALSO VIEWED THE SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST IN A RATHER POSITIVE LIGHT AND HE STILL EXPECTED THAT PRESIDENT SADAT'S PEACE INITIATIVE WOULD BEAR SOME FRUIT. HE DID NOT BELIEVE IN NEW OIL CRISIS."

4. SVENSKA DAGBLADET, JUNE 5: HEADLINE: "HENRY KISSINGER TO SÖDER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS: SALT AGREEMENT THIS SUMMER." LEAD ON MAIN STORY: "' I AM OPTIMISTIC AND BELIEVE IN A SETTLEMENT OF THE SALT NEGOTIATIONS ALREADY THIS SUMMER.' SO SAID HENRY KISSINGER, FORMER US SECRETARY OF STATE AND NOW FREQUENTLY COMMUTING CONSULTANT ON ISSUES OF STATE, WHEN HE MET WITH FOREIGN MINISTER KARIN SÖDER. THEY DISCUSSED CHINA AND VIETNAM FOR A LONG TIME.... OBVIOUSLY (FORMER) SÖDER AND KISSINGER FOUND EACH OTHER. THEY DISCUSSED FOR NEARLY AN HOUR AND A HALF AND THE LIST OF ISSUES THEY COVERED BECAME LONG. FIRST IT WAS CHINA AND VIETNAM; THE SALT TALKS; AND ISSUES OF INTERNATIONAL SECURITY ALSO TOOK CONSIDERABLE TIME. KISSINGER SAID THAT HE WAS VERY OPTIMISTIC. HE THOUGHT THAT NEITHER PARTY DARED BREAK OFF THESE NEGOTIATIONS ON ISSUES OF VITAL IMPORTANCE FOR MANKIND. 'A SETTLEMENT SHOULD BE REACHED DURING THE SUMMER', KISSINGER THOUGHT."

5. LIBERAL-LEFT DAGENS NYHETER, JUNE 5: "'WE HAD THE TIME TO DISCUSS QUITE A LOT: MY IMPRESSIONS FROM CHINA AND VIETNAM, UNCLASSIFIED

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THE SALT NEGOTIATIONS, SUPER POWER RELATIONS, AFRICA AND A LITTLE ABOUT THE MIDDLE EAST, (FORMER SÖDER SAID).' ...THEN KISSINGER WAS RASHLY KIDNAPPED BY THE FOREIGN POLICY RADIO COMMENTATOR OF DAGENS EKO, ERIK PIERRE, AND THE TWO GENTLEMEN BECAME ENGROSSED IN A LONG PING-PONG TALK WITH DETAILED STRATEGIC VIEWS ON THE PRESENT SITUATION OF THE SALT TALKS AND WERE LOST TO THE WORLD. FROM THIS TALK WE WERE ONLY ABLE TO CATCH THAT KISSINGER WAS WORRIED OVER THE OBSTACLES THAT A NUMBER OF SENATORS IN THE US CONGRESS COULD SET UP FOR CARTER'S POLICIES. 'BUT I AM BASICALLY OPTIMISTIC', HENRY KISSINGER SAID AND DISAPPEARED TOWARDS THE AMERICAN AMBASSADOR'S BRICK HOUSE IN DJURGÅRDEN."

6. DAGENS NYHETER, JUNE 6: "KISSINGER PRAISED THE FRENCH ACTION IN ASSISTANCE OF THE GOVERNMENT SIDE IN THE SHABA CONFLICT, AN ACTION WITH THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT FOR INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL REASON COULD NOT TAKE. HE ALSO THOUGHT THAT CERTAIN COUNTRIES - HE MENTIONED CZECHOSLOVAKIA AS AN EXAMPLE - CANNOT ESCAPE THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR TERRORISM IN THE WORLD. 'THERE ARE COMMUNIST COUNTRIES WHICH CONTRIBUTE TO MAKING TERRORISM POSSIBLE BY SUPPLYING ARMS TO ORGANIZATIONS WHICH THEN TRAIN TERRORISTS', KISSINGER SAID. HENRY KISSINGER ALSO TALKED A LITTLE ABOUT ECONOMY, MOSTLY ABOUT THAT HE THINKS

THAT THERE SHOULD BE A TIE BETWEEN LOANS FROM THE WESTERN
WORLD TO THE COMMUNIST COUNTRIES AND THE LATTERS' 'BEHAVIOR
IN WORLD POLITICS'. WHAT HE TALKED ABOUT WAS, OF COURSE, IN
PLAIN LANGUAGE, THE SOVIET AND CUBAN INTERFERENCE IN AFRICA."
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